

GOOD COUNTY OF SUSSEX; ITS MANY ADVANTAGES

Fine Lands, Cotton, Peanuts, Corn
and Many Other Very No-
table Things

GIRLS' CANNING CLUBS IN ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

One Year's Good Work Shows U
Well—Some Very Fine
Results.

GIRLS ON THE VIRGINIA FARM

Some Inside Facts as to How Good Work Goes On in Virginia—Co-Operation of Various Agencies to Carry Movement Forward.

Miss Mittie Patten, who has taken charge of the Girls Canning Club work in Isle of Wight County, at his request has written the Industrial Editor of the paper of the good work in that county. She says:

The Girls Canning Club has been at work in Isle of Wight County for one year, and, though this is our first year, we would not mean to boast of work out of the reach of our girls. Why? Because this club is the largest of its kind in the world, and the girls are so far from being idle that they are so busy that it is made to feel that she has a part to play in the great life around her. And she has. We are not on how many farms do we find fruits and vegetables going to waste, whereas they could be saved, so many of them. This is what our girls do. They can can fruit and vegetables, and, many other States. Perhaps after all, they will help to solve the great problem of to-day, the high cost of living.

How can this work be carried on in a county? In most of the counties half the money is given by the Board of Supervisors and the other half by the United States Department of Agriculture. The worker is then secured and goes to work. In Isle of Wight County one-half the money was raised by private subscription, and the remainder was given by the Department of Agriculture and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Some of the worthy and progressive citizens saw the need of keeping the girls in the country, and in order to do so, county life had to be made more attractive and interesting. They became conscious that the farm wasn't made alone for the boy and that it was but for mother and daughter likewise, and that all that is the keynote is happiness in the home.

Wishing to take advantage of the approaching spring season, the girls of the county worked hard until late in the season, and were able to keep the club and get well at the work until the last of March, which time is late at about tomatoes in this section of the country. But the girls wished to have advantage of the early market.

BOW THE GIRLS WORKED

UNDER SOME DIFFICULTIES

There were fifteen girls in the club who have worked faithfully until the end of the season. They have all worked, and showed an amount of interest which would astonish some people. Not only have the girls shown great interest, but also the mothers and fathers who have given encouragement and help in times of discouragements. Nor has our hel-

for various citizens in the county and for our every desire and granted each. Jim was the club would like to mention. Jim was the club's helpers, and thank them most heartily for their co-operation. In the first place, we would mention our friend R. T. Thomas, who died so suddenly a short while ago. He was always interested in girls and their progress and took such great interest in the welfare and success of our club that he presented an entire running outfit to the club. We mourn his passing.

In the spring J. E. Warren was fortunate enough to let the girls have the fertilizers they needed in very small quantities. The girls had no need of large quantities, and putting up the several small packages was no little trouble. We appreciate greatly his kindness. Mr. Anderson Cofer supplied all cans and jars for the club at cost, and J. J. Thomas did the same for the club last

regard to labels for the cane. The names mentioned are only four of the men who have helped us so much and to show the interest manifested in the work throughout the county, the club can say that never a favor has been asked but that it was granted, and very gladly and willingly.

EXHIBITS TO BE MADE:

AT VARIOUS FAIRS

The work for this season is almost

displayed both at the Richmond State Fair and Sale of Wight County Fair. For some time the girls have been busy working with tomatoes, which, by the way, is the only product first-year

girls can raise. They have canned tomatos in tin, put them in glass jar whole, preserved them both green and ripe, made tomato pickle, tomato cat

sup and chili sauce. Oh! how many good things we can make with tomatoes! Next year, however, the girl will have the privilege of planting in their one-tenth of an acre plot—so that is all they are allowed to cultivate—other vegetables than tomatoes.

The prize list is valued at \$25 and will be divided into five prizes. The girl who wins first prize will be given a two-day trip to the Richmond fair with all expenses paid. This is given for the best all-round work, and the fortunate girl to receive that prize is Miss Myra Haverty, while Miss Edith

Barham comes second, and will be given a complete canning outfit. A third prize will be given for the greatest variety of canned goods put up by the girl for her mother's pantry.

After all, the last is one of the most important aims of the club, that of

getting the girl interested in her home and of taking a part of the responsibility of providing for that home the very best of canned goods and other things for the pantry, both vegetables and fruits.

spread through the entire county, and be correlated with the school work, for it gives a girl business training. Each club member is required to have her account or record book, in which she puts every thing she has done. In this way she develops

no girl can contest for a prize until she has written a history of her crop telling how it was conducted from the beginning to the end. One can see perhaps, now the significance of the

club brand, the "4 H Brand," which means the development of the hand, head, heart and health, and what is better for the health than good exercise taken in the pure fresh air?

Now that the season for canning is almost over, we find that about 1,200

tin cans of tomatoes have been put up for market bearing our "4 H Brand" labels. Most of the girls desire to join the club another year, and some of them are even now preparing to plant winter gardens on their one-tenth of an acre. So one may see that

they aren't discouraged and uninter-
ested, though this season has been a
difficult one, and 'most unfavorable for
tomatoes.

Eagle Mining Company.
CHARLESTON, W. VA.

A daily output of 1,000 tons of coal is proposed by the Big Eagle Mining Company, Ottawa, W. Va. This company will develop 500 acres of coal land, and it wants prices on hoisting and screening machinery. It has organized with officers as follows: J. M. Moore, presi-

dent and treasurer; A. M. Rogers, vice president; James Clark, secretary and manager.